affected areas also the overall level of the extremist violence has, more or less, remained at a similar level in the last few years and, has in fact, shown improvement in a number of areas, but for a few major incidents in some States like Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, etc. As far as terrorism in the hinterland is concerned, some incidents have occurred in different States.

Action taken by the Government to tackle terrorism includes urging the State Governments to take focused and coordinated measures to deal with the situation, and providing all possible help in this regard. Close coordination is being maintained between the Central and State agencies, including regular sharing of information and intelligence. As a result, a large number of terrorist modules have been busted and possible major terrorist incidents averted Institutional arrangements have also been put in place so that sharing and analysis of information and intelligence can be done on a continuing basis in a systematic and coordinated manner. The State Governments have also been urged to strengthen the State police forces by filling up vacancies and improving the police: population ratio, as also to take special measures to strengthen their intelligence set up. Assistance for these purposes is also been given under the Police Modernisation Scheme, under which the States have also been asked to prepare sub-plans for strengthening the intelligence related arrangements for which the assistance of Central agencies is also provided. All this is in addition to deployment of Central forces to assist the civil authorities in the States, liberal sanctions for raising of India Reserve (IR) battalions and assistance for general and specialized training for the State security forces.

Deteriorating law and order situation in Jharkhand

1309. MS. MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the explosive law and order situation of Jharkhand, which is fast deteriorating day by day;

(b) what are the proposals of Government to improve law and order in Jharkhand;

(c) whether Government consider naxalism as socio-economic problem;

(d) whether large number of tribal girls and boys are joining these naxal groups because of large scale unemployment, poverty and large scale corruption by all sections of bureaucracy depriving the poor tribals the benefits of social sector projects meant for their upliftment both by Government of India and State Government; and

(e) how Government proposes to rectify this situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (e) 'Police' and 'public order' being State subjects, action with respect to maintenance of law and order lies primarily in the domain of the concerned State Government.

The Central Government, however, also closely monitors the situation and supplements the efforts of the State Governments in a variety of ways.

The details of naxalite incidents in Jharkhand during the last five years are given below:

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total number of incidents	342	379	312	310	482
Total number of casualties of security forces	16	41	27	43	8
Total number of casualties of civiliance	101	128	92	81	149

The support provided by the Central Government to the State includes deployment of 5 battalions of Central paramilitary forces to assist the State Police; sanctioning of 3 India Reserve battalions to the State; assistance for strengthening of the State Police and Intelligence agencies through the Scheme for Modernisation of State Police Forces; re-imbursement of security-related expenditure; assistance in training of the State Police through the Ministry of Defence, Central Police Organisations and Bureau of Police Research and Development; sharing of Intelligence from time to time; facilitating inter-State coordination; and assistance in development works through a range of schemes of various Ministries, including various income-generating, public-utility and social-security schemes of Ministries like Rural Development, Agriculture, Youth Affairs and Sports, Panchayati Raj and Tribal Affairs.

Special attention on planning, implementation and monitoring of development schemes is also being emphasized. An Inter Ministerial Group (IMG), under Additional Secretary (Naxal Management), with officers from development Ministries and Planning Commission, oversees effective implementation of development schemes in naxalite affected areas for accelerated socio-economic development.

Fragging and suicide in Central forces

1310. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the region-wise and force-wise details of fragging and suicide among Central forces during the last 6 months, till-date;

(b) the rank-wise classification of the victims;

(c) the major cause for such incident;

(d) the steps being taken to discount such incidents in future; and

(e) the steps being taken to improve the service conditions of the personnel in Central security forces?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The details of fragging and suicides case in the